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**REQUEST for CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

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Serial No.: 10/038,125 Group Art Unit: 2653  
Filed: 1/02/2002 Docket: **SJO920010040US1**  
(IBMS.034US01)  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING PRECISE  
CONTROL OF MAGNETIC COUPLING FIELD IN NiMn TOP  
SPIN VALVE HEADS AND AMPLITUDE ENHANCEMENT

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence and the papers, as described hereinabove, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 19, 2004.

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1. This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-identified application. This Request for Continued Examination is being filed in response to the Advisory Action which was mailed on June 2, 2004.
2. Enclosed please find:
  - a. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment with RCE (7 pgs), submitted herewith to advance the above-referenced patent application under final rejection.
  - ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
  - ☒ Return Postcard
3. Fees
  - a. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account number 50-0996 (IBMS.034US01).
    1. ☒ The RCE filing fee of \$770.00.
    2. ☒ The Petition for Extension of Time for 2 month fee of \$420.00.

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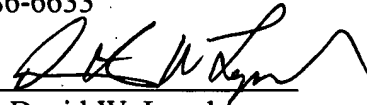
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